# **Government of the District of Columbia**

Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking

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# SUMMARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*<sup>1</sup>, the Rules of Practice and Procedures for Hearings in the District of Columbia, 17 DCMR § 8100 *et seq.* and Section 602 of the Securities Act of 2000, D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a)(1), One World Corporation, Mary Hicklin-Hurley, and Anthony Hurley (hereinafter "Respondents) are hereby ordered to cease and desist from offering unregistered securities in or from the District of Columbia, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 31-5603.01.

### I. JURISDICTION

Thomas E. Hampton Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANTHONY HURLEY,

ONE WORLD CORPORATION, MARY HICKLIN-HURLEY, and

Respondents

D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a) grants the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking ("Department") the power to issue, without a hearing, a summary order directing the Respondents to cease and desist from engaging in acts or practices which constitute, or will constitute, a violation of any provision of the Act or any rule or order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All statutory references to the D.C. Official Code shall be to the 2001 edition.

Under D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a)(1), this Summary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Order") constitutes notice of the opportunity for a hearing before the Commissioner, or his designee, to determine whether the Order should be vacated, modified, or entered as final; and constitutes notice that the Order will be entered as final if the Respondents do not request a hearing within 15 days of the receipt of the Order, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a)(2).

#### II. RESPONDENTS

- One World Corporation, a corporation registered in Delaware and Washington DC, was
  formed in Delaware on May 3, 2007, to operate as a holding company for 413 acres of vacant
  oceanfront land in Puerto Rico, including future oceanfront land with entitlements. Its
  principal place of business is 1776 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.
- 2. Mary Hicklin-Hurley is the Chief Executive Officer of One World Corporation.
- 3. Anthony Hurley is the Executive Directors' Advisor of One World Corporation.

## III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On information and belief, the Department alleges the following as the basis for this Order:

- 1. One World Corporation owns oceanfront property in Loiza, Puerto Rico and has alleged that it acquired the property for the purpose of developing it into a five-star resort community.
- 2. According to Anthony Hurley, in 2007, Respondent One World Corporation arranged a deal with Mebesa, S.A. to acquire oceanfront property in the Dominican Republic for \$21 million, with a \$4 million deposit at the initial closing.
- 3. According to Anthony Hurley, the \$4 million deposit was intended to effect a transfer of deeds to One World Corporation in order to allow One World Corporation to obtain an

appraisal, complete Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") audited financials as part of its intent to raise funds through a public offering, and execute SEC submissions as required by the SEC to ultimately commence trading of its new stock issue on the NASDAQ OTC/BB.

- 4. To raise the initial \$4 million for One World Corporation, Respondents offered investors a 100% return on a minimum investment of \$500,000 within 12 months from the date of closing.
- 5. Respondents advertised the proposed investments referenced in paragraph 4 on the One World Corporation website, www.one-worldinc.com, and in various newspapers, including the Washington Post, a newspaper whose primary market is District of Columbia residents.
- 6. Due to Respondents' inability to raise funds, One World Corporation abandoned plans of going public and devised a new business plan in furtherance of the development of the Puerto Rico land from profits which, according to Anthony Hurley, would manifest from leveraging involvement in the Dominican Republic development properties.
- 7. During the time that Respondents were attempting to raise funds for the projects, they maintained their website to attract investors to its projects in an effort to offer to sell securities on said land development.
- 8. In October 2007, an investigator for the Securities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Investigator") responded to a classified ad placed by Respondents in an Arizona newspaper, the Arizona Republic, that provided, "INVESTORS WANTED \$500K Min invst. 'Ready to Build' Resort destination in the Dominican Republic. 100% return in 12 mo. RE secured. Details. 301-785-4661." The offer had been advertised in the Arizona Republic between September 30, 2007 through October 6, 2007. The offer had also been advertised in the Washington Post for the same period.

- 9. The Investigator responded to the ad by calling the telephone number referenced in the newspaper advertisement. The telephone number listed was a cellular telephone that belonged to Anthony Hurley. Anthony Hurley discussed the investment with the Investigator and provided additional information about the investment via email, and directed the caller to visit the company's website.
- 10. The Arizona Securities Division contacted the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking about the investment offers being made by Respondents after learning that the Respondents' principal place of business was in the District of Columbia.
- 11. The Securities Bureau of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking ("Securities Bureau") began an investigation based on the information provided by the Arizona Securities Division. In response to questions by the Securities Bureau, Respondents confirmed that they had attempted to raise money for their investments on their website. Respondents also stated that they had advertised the investment in the Arizona Republic and in the Washington Post.
- 12. Respondents are not, and have never been, registered to offer securities in or from the District of Columbia.
- 13. The securities that Respondents offered in and from the District of Columbia were not registered in the District of Columbia, and were not exempt from registration.

### IV. VIOLATION

It is unlawful for a person to offer or sell a security in the District unless the security is registered under D.C. Official Code § 31-5603.01, the security or transaction is exempt under D.C. Official Code § 31-5604.01, or D.C. Official Code § 31-5604.02, or the security is federally covered.

### V. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondents sought investments to acquire property in the Dominican Republic by offering 100% return in twelve months on a \$500,000 minimum investment. Respondents offered to sell securities from the District of Columbia through internet offers from its website, one-worldinc.com; communicated offers via telephone and electronic mail; and advertised an investment offer as a classified advertisement in the Arizona Republic and the Washington Post from September 30, 2007, through October 6, 2007.
- 2. The securities offered by the Respondents were not registered in the District of Columbia, were not exempt from registration in the District of Columbia, and were not federally covered securities, and therefore, were offered by Respondents, in violation of D.C. Official Code §31-5603.01.

#### **SUMMARY ORDER**

It is hereby determined that the Respondents have engaged, and are about to engage, in acts and practices which constitute violations of District of Columbia law.

It is further determined that immediate action against the Respondents is in the public interest. Accordingly, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a), it is hereby **ORDERED** by the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, that:

Respondents, together with their employees, agents, affiliates, assignees, successors, and associated entities, shall immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from offering or selling unregistered and non-exempt securities in the District of Columbia, and from directly or indirectly aiding or assisting other individuals or entities from offering or selling unregistered and non-exempt securities from the District of Columbia.

**SEAL** 

APPROVED and so ORDERED:

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, this day of May, 2009.

Thomas E. Hampton,

Commissioner

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Respondents may request a hearing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 31-5606.02(a)(1). A request for hearing must be in writing and received by the Commissioner within 15 days of receipt of this Summary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Each Respondent must deliver or mail the request for hearing to Leslie Johnson, Hearing Officer, Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, 810 First Street, NE, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20002. Failure to request a hearing within 15 days of receipt of this Order will result in a final order being issued against you, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 31-5602(a)(2).

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing SUMMARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING was mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to:

One World Corporation c/o Registered Agent Harvard Business Services, Inc., 16192 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

One World Corporation 1776 I Street, NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20006

Mary Hicklin-Hurley 1776 I Street, NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20006

Anthony Hurley 1776 I Street, NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20006

Signature

(Date)